

REMARKS

Claims 1-38 are pending, and claim 39 has been added by amendment above. Claim 39 reads on Figure 1 and should therefore be examined with the elected claims. Applicant has corrected the status indicators for claims 6 and 10 and has modified these Remarks slightly.

The Examiner identified thirty-one allegedly patentably distinct species in the pending Action, in response to which applicant elects Species I represented by Figs 1-6, on which claims 1-5, 7-9 and 11-39 read, without traverse and without prejudice. Under the circumstances, contrary to the Examiner's statement, upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to rejoinder of the non-elected claims and is not limited merely to consideration of claims to not more than a reasonable number of species in addition to the elected species.

Early action allowing the elected claims and rejoining the non-elected claims is solicited. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned new attorney of record at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing Attorney Docket No. 247322002100.

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